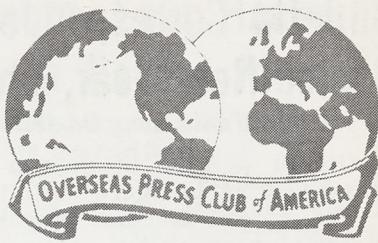


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## Yes, World, There Is An Editor

by Leon S. Theil

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus, prominently, the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of St. Nicholas:

Dear Santa Claus:

I am 42 years old, have a crew haircut, and wear only Brooks Brothers suits. Some of my big fat friends say there is no such thing as an editor any more. My exurbanite juvenile delinquents say, "If Santa Claus says so, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there such a thing as an editor, are there such things as daily newspapers?

Fairfield O'Hanlon  
West of Westport

Fairfield, your narrow-lapelled, narrow-cuffed friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism that sees values only where a fifteen percent is involved. They believe in nothing which shows no evidence of a tie-in, package deal, sponsored plug, or Biltmore Bar conversation piece. They think a newspaper exists in a newsstand display, a near-missed deadline for delivery of advertising mats, or four sticks under a two-column head which is pulled after the first edition but makes a clipping from the clipping service.

Yes, Fairfield, there is an editor. He exists as certainly as people exist; as surely as mothers hear the mouthings of far-off demagogues while they croon to infants; as surely as sweet young things ponder the proper show to demand of a date, or wives scan Ann Landers for ammunition for the domestic war.

Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no editors. The furtive overlords of boxing would miss the joy of their chicanery, not knowing that one man cares,

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## Kids Preview Santa At OPC Xmas Party

One hundred children of OPCers were guests at the Club's annual Children's Christmas Party on Dec. 19.

This year's party honored UNICEF. The organization received more than \$50 as a result of the raffle of a Lionel train, donated by that company for the party and the benefit of UNICEF.

Three-year-old John Frye, son of William Frye of the *Christian Science Monitor*, drew the winning raffle ticket for the Lionel train, "Texas Special."

Adele Nathan donated one of her books on the Transcontinental Railroad as another prize for the guests.

Each child received a miniature moving van, courtesy of Chelsea Warehouses, Inc. The children were entertained by a magician's show and by three films of "Pow Wow, The Indian," loaned to the Club by Screen Gems.

Ice Cream, Coca-Cola and cookies were served to the children and their parents.

The Hospitality Committee, chairman Anita Diamant Berke, planned the party. Pat Hartwell served as liaison between the Club and UNICEF.



John Frye, son of the *Christian Science Monitor*'s William Frye, examines Lionel's "Texas Special" (valued at \$40) which he won in the UNICEF raffle at the party.

With the hope that all members who helped to make their Christmas more pleasant have had a joyous holiday season, most heartfelt "thanks" is expressed by the staff and employees of the Overseas Press Club of America.

## OPC OFFERS HELP TO N. Y. NEWSMEN

Emergency services to furloughed staffers of struck New York newspapers continued to be provided last week by the Overseas Press Club as the metropolitan area neared its twentieth day without its usual papers.

President Tom Whitney has renewed the Club's welcome-mat invitation for non-working newsmen to use the Club's facilities, stressing that the OPC will extend a cordial greeting to any staffer regardless of membership status.

At the same time, an emergency committee headed by John Luter, OPC secretary, has been organized to canvass New York public relations firms and others for possible free-lance writing assignments. Already, a number of furloughed journalists have been given chores to write articles and speeches for a dozen PR organizations and magazines.

## Levine is Barred From Moscow Radio

Because he permitted Senator Hubert Humphrey to discuss uncensored material on a Dec. 2 interview from Moscow, NBC correspondent Irving R. Levine has been denied use of radio broadcast facilities "until further notice", according to a statement from the National Broadcasting Company.

Levine's suspension of radio press privileges took place over the Dec. 20 weekend, although no direct ouster action was indicated. Newsmen in New York interpreted the rebuke as a knuckle-rapping which might not last more than a day or so.

Under the circumstances and until further advices are received from Moscow, no protest has been drafted or lodged by the OPC's Freedom of the Press Committee, according to John Day, chairman. NBC, however, has asked the Soviet Embassy in Washington for clarification of the Moscow Press Office action.

Levine had told the press office he did not consider that Humphrey, as a visiting senator, should be subject to censorship.

# Bulletin Correspondents Report on Busy Old Year, Busier New Year, on Both Sides of the Atlantic

by Tania Long Daniell

Ottawa — 1958 in Canada was as busy a year as any since World War II.

The general election campaign went into full swing as the snows began to melt in February. The country's Prime Minister, John Diefenbaker, and the leader of the Liberal opposition, Lester B. Pearson, each traveled about 15,000 miles criss-cross Canada, accompanied by a large number of reporters who showed more signs of strain than the two contestants.

## Election Flabbergasting

Everyone expected the Conservatives to return to power, and most predicted that they would win a majority in the House of Commons which they had lacked in the previous administration. The outcome on Mar. 31 in which the Diefenbaker party gained 100 seats over their previous 110, however, left most of us flabbergasted. The huge sweep was a personal Diefenbaker victory, made possible by the support of French-speaking Quebec - hitherto a staunch Liberal stronghold. Quebec had seen the vision.

"Vision" had by then become a much-used word. The Prime Minister had laid great emphasis during his campaign on the "vision" he had of Canada's still largely unexplored and unexploited northland. And as the year grew older, something was done to bring his vision to realization.

Of major importance was a start on a system of roads across some of the toughest terrain in the world. Without these roads, it would be difficult to develop the mineral riches which lie beneath the rocky soil north of the 60th parallel.

## Tourists and VIPs

As the weather turned balmy, the tourist season began. And among the tourists came some of the world's V.I.P.s including NATO's Paul Henri Spaak, Ghana's Kwame Nkrumah, England's Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and of course President Eisenhower, whose frank, friendly and forthright talk to the House of Commons and the Senate did much to clear the atmosphere of Canadian-American relations.

The preoccupation of British royalty with Canada continued. Princess Margaret toured the country from British Columbia to the Maritimes. Then Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, flew into Ottawa for three days to attend the world conference of the English-Speaking Union. The informality of his visit,

his own easy manners, and the breezy appearances he made over television and radio were far removed from the usual, rather stuffy royal occasions and probably did more to enhance the British crown in the eyes of many Canadians than anything in the past.

Canadian officials engaged in preparing the forthcoming visit of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip to open the St. Lawrence Seaway next summer are therefore talking of making this a "meet the people" visit. Whether Buckingham Palace, royal protocol and the need to protect the Queen from too great a strain will allow this, is another question. Besides if the Queen meets too many "just people," there are many Canadians of rank who would have to be left out. It's a nice question of balance. In the past, the "people" have always lost out.

## Finance Meeting

The greatest number of correspondents here from abroad this year were attracted to Montreal in September for the Commonwealth Finance Ministers meeting. This took place at the new Queen Elizabeth Hotel, and lasted two weeks. Many pious expressions of intent to improve trade and lower barriers were voiced, but in fact little of practical worth was accomplished, and it was clear to observers that within the Commonwealth, as well as the rest of the world, national interest comes first. Still, as one participant pointed out, it is always "useful" for high officials to have an exchange of views around a table.

The cost to the Canadian taxpayer who footed the bill as host was around \$300,000. But there is no denying that it did a bit more toward putting Canada and its Prime Minister in the position of leadership of the Commonwealth — a

nother, although unspoken, vision Diefenbaker gives every appearance of having had.

by Philip W. Whitcomb

**Frankfurt** — The year 1959 finds the status reasonably quo in this city where seven distinct American news and editorial bureaus make their headquarters. There's been the usual shifting of personnel, expansion of premises and comings and goings of VIPs — important and otherwise — but few big changes.

Associated Press staffers are enjoying more elbow room these days since the addition of a new 500-square-yard floor over which Dick O'Regan presides as chief of bureau. Reporting to him are reporters Reinhold G. Ensz, Hunt, Neuerbourg, Bausman and Fiehn, with Lindhar and Strumpf holding forth as lensmen.

An entire new floor in a new building complete with three two-way trunk lines, many hook-ups and three special lines has made things easier for UPI's Frankfurt staff of 68 headed by Bill Long, who operates from Bonn, with Joseph Grigg masterminding from London. European sports editor Peter Uebersax now headquarters in Frankfurt while Ed Beller has replaced Ted Shields (now Warsaw) as Frankfurt news editor. Johnny Calicot is second in command.

## Staffers Leave and Come

*The Army Times & American Weekend* crew are bemoaning the departure for San Juan of Betty Knorr, here since VE day. Staff welcomes new additions Tam Frisch (distaff) and Bob Hill.

*The Overseas Weekly* — and its new sister, *Overseas Family* — is prospering, especially through a photo-processing

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## PEOPLE & PLACES

David Alexander's novel, *Paint the Town Black*, was presented on the NBC-TV "Ellery Queen" program Dec. 19; his *The Murder of Whistler's Brother* will be produced on the same program later this winter...Paul Mocsanyi will lecture on "The Changing Conception of Subject Matter in Art" at the New School in spring...Ted Kruglak to lecture on press and foreign affairs as visiting professor of Journalism at Fresno State College (Calif.) in spring...Milton Enzer, Yale & Towne PR director, guest lectured at Columbia Graduate School of Business; was appointed to PR advisory council for Institute of Int'l. Education, New School and Union College...Gilbert Jonas in Dec. 15 *New Leader* on "U.S. and Morocco."

The December *American Legion* magazine has a profile on Dr. Bela Fabian by Edith Kermitt Roosevelt... As New York's state administration changes, Labor Department information chief Harry Gersh moves to Martin E. Segal & Company, consultants, to head up public relations... Nan Robertson's piece on Potters field which appeared in the *New York Times* "About New York", reprinted in the January *Reader's Digest*... Gene and Helen English returning permanently to the United States after umpteen years in Europe, greeted upon arrival with news he was promoted to assistant vice president of Western Union.

Barrie Thorne, BBC's North American representative vacationing in Mexico and Cuba until January...January Cavalier carries a cover-blurb on Dick Hanser's piece on Ernst Udet, the German air ace...New president of the Association of Radio-Television News Analysts is Robert Trout of CBS, a veteran of 27 years in the newscasting business.

Maria Constanza Huergo, after six years with the Spanish and American editions of *Catholic Digest*, resuming her post with *La Prensa* in Buenos Aires...Edmund Scott, formerly of CBS News and "See It Now", has joined the WNEW news staff.

NBC Washington producer-director Charles O. Jones recently covered the civil rights story in Montgomery, Ala., with daily networks feeds plus half-hour in depth special "Report from Alabama" rolled the same week as hearings took place.

Newell Rogers promoted to editor of the *Brookfield (Conn.) Journal* after six months as associate editor of the *Journal* and *New Milford Times*. He's continuing in latter job with the *Times*...Elected Board member of the International Festivals Association for third time is Charles Gillette...Bob Deindorfer's article on the tribulations of ice fishing appears in the January *Pageant*.

## A Reporter's Desk Can Be Anywhere, Says Hackett, Christian Science Monitor Writer, In Recent Piece

By Walter Hackett

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

Atop a Grease Pit in Dole, France —

Do you ever wonder where a foreign correspondent goes to write a date-lined story? To a big desk in a comfortable office? Rarely does that happen. As a case in point, glance at the date line on this particular story.

Literally I am up in the air, approximately seven feet, seated in my small car, which is balanced on a hydraulic lift. Below me I can hear the service station attendant greasing the car. At the rate he is going, I will have time to finish this story, for occasionally he is interrupted by a passing motorist whose tank needs gasoline.

Through the snow that is coming down, I have a view of the rolling French countryside and the faraway farm houses. I have a feeling of almost complete isolation in a shining Shangri-la of gasoline pumps, free water and free air.

This is the first time I have ever written a story elevated above a grease pit. However, it is not the most unusual writing site I have either picked or had forced upon me.

It is routine reporting to say correspondents turn out stories on trains, buses, planes, and ships. Those are easy places in which to write. They are sometimes preferable to many a newspaper city room.

I once wrote a short feature standing up at a lunch counter in the cavernous railway station in Oslo. In order to stake out a claim on this space, I had to eat three large sausages garnished with mustard and mounted on large chunks of bread. Writing was made doubly difficult because customers kept asking me to pass the mustard.

Frankly, I am very partial to railway stations, and have written stories from one in Cairo, Lisbon, Appenzell, Bonn, Salzburg, Gothenburg, and Dublin. Two were turned out in a tiny railway station in a mountain village in Switzerland.

Randy Owen is new associate editor of the *American City* magazine after two years in public relations...A new LP record on the polar transit of the SSN Nautilus, using tapes from the submarine, has been narrated by James Dugan. Platter was released last month on the Colpix label.

### GILMORE UNDER KNIFE

London — "Was the story all right?"

This was one of the first questions asked by AP London staffer Eddie Gilmore after being operated on for a gall stone attack that hit him in the middle

while I waited for my train to be dug out of blocking snowdrifts.

The stationmaster invited me, between stories, to eat with him and his wife in the neat living quarters they had at the rear of the station. They spoke Romansche, Switzerland's fourth language, a tongue as foreign to me as Sanskrit or Basque.

I have long since given up writing stories aboard trains in the Swiss Alps, the Austrian Tyrol, and that stretch of the Italian Riviera between Alassio and the frontier stop of Ventimiglia. There are too many very black tunnels to pass through, and not being proficient at the touch system, I hit keys such as # @ and \$.

In June 1955, when word of the revolution in Argentina reached Rio de Janeiro, where I was based, I boarded the first plane allowed into a very tense Buenos Aires that was under rigid martial law. It was easy to gather news, but how to get it out was another question, for censorship had clamped down like an iron lid.

I worked out a plan whereby I boarded a plane at the international airport, and during the short ride to Montevideo in neighboring Uruguay I wrote my story. From Montevideo I cabled my story to New York and took the next plane back to Buenos Aires.

This worked very well, but on the morning of my fifth trip to Montevideo, the airport police suggested rather strongly that it would be wise not to return.

There remain many other interesting and unusual places from which one could write stories. For example, there is the satellite —

I will have to think about that later, for the attendant is ready to push the button of the hydraulic lift, which will lower me from my Olympian heights and rarefied thinking. Anyhow, I am positive I am the only American newsman ever to have written a story from over this particular grease pit.

I must ask the attendant.

of a news conference with Sen. Hubert Humphrey.

Gilmore, who underwent surgery on Dec. 11 and is now recovering nicely, thought it "maybe was something I ate" when his pencil slipped from his hand as he unsteadily questioned Humphrey concerning his 8½-hour Khrushchev interview.

Despite repeated stabbing pains, Gilmore continued questioning, taking notes and finally pounded out a 700-word story that won a lot of play on U.S. front pages.

After seeing his story clear the wires, he went home and there collapsed on the floor before his wife.

# FAR EAST TOUR RENEWS OLD FRIENDSHIPS, MAKES NEW ONES

by Esther Crane

New York

"October in the Orient — unique travel opportunities off the beaten track of orthodox sightseeing tours — a magic cycle of adventure to be enjoyed during the Orient's loveliest season.

This was how I advertised my initial venture as tour director for Gotham Travel Service, Inc., keeping my fingers crossed that I would be able to "pay off" on these extravagant-sounding promises.

## Friends A Great Asset

Being new in the travel business, it was not without a qualm or two that I set off on "Asian Adventure" with my group of fifteen persons. But I quickly discovered that a background of news-experience, not to mention a heartwarming group of foreign correspondent friends still scattered throughout the Far East is a great asset to tour conducting. It was, in fact, the opportunities opened up to me through newspaper contacts that made "Asian Adventure" seem so worthwhile — in fact the tour turned out to be such fun that I will undoubtedly stick my neck out and repeat it next year!

Part of the reason for being in such a situation was my nostalgia for the Far East, and my desire to get back there again, even doing it the hard way. My husband, Burton Crane of the *N.Y. Times*, and I lived in Japan during two different eras — for ten years before World War II and for five years during the MacArthur Occupation. During the pre-war period we both worked on *The Japan Advertiser*, an American-owned daily. Upon our return nine years later, Burton was with the Tokyo bureau of the *N.Y. Times*, while I toiled for the Army newspaper, *The Pacific Stars and Stripes*.

## "Off The Beaten Track"

It was in Hongkong that we experienced one of our most glamorous "off the beaten track" sightseeing opportunities — setting forth on an afternoon sailing party in two junks on the South China Sea. The junk sail was complete with a swimming party and "the cocktail hour," the arrangements having been made by Mrs. Gordon Walker (her husband is the *Christian Science Monitor* man, a former Tokyo colleague, now based in Hongkong). The junk owners were Mr. and Mrs. John Dominis (Time Inc.) who share their junk with Mr. and Mrs. Greg MacGregor (*N.Y. Times*).

Our Hongkong sojourn was preceded by a ten-day tour of Japan, my favorite stamping ground in the Orient. For viewing the lovely shrines and castles of

Kyoto we were billeted at the Miyako Hotel, where the manager, Mr. S. Kawana was an old friend, having been manager of the Foreign Correspondents' Club during my pre-war days in Tokyo.

## Japanese Friendliness

A detour from our sightseeing tour of the Tokugawa shrines in Nikko was a day's visit to the pottery making village of Mashiko, where the world-famous potter, Mr. Shoji Hamada, was host to us in his picturesque manor farm house.

My tour participants were delighted with the Japanese friendliness and hospitality they met on all sides, and repeatedly remarked on the lack of any antagonism towards American visitors.

Our original plan had been to fly from Japan to Formosa, but the "situation" there during the early part of October made it necessary to cancel this part of the trip. We did, however, run into a "situation" of sorts in Bangkok, where over one night the Prime Minister resigned; the government was overthrown; more than a score of newspapers were suppressed and upwards of fifty-five persons accused of Communist sympathies were thrown in jail. All of this kept another one of my former Tokyo newspaper pals busy for a forty-eight-hour stretch. This was Darrell Berrigan, now editor and publisher of the *Bangkok World*.

The revolution did not in the least interfere with our sightseeing program, however, although we did notice some evidences of it the day we were driven to the Bangkok airport for a day's visit to the marvelous ruins of Ankor Wat in Cambodia. There were temporary barricades along the airport road, and our bus was stopped for a most informal and amiable inspection. Our smiling guide explained: "Oh, you all white people — look like Russians — maybe Communists. But don't worry, this just nice peaceful 'levolution' — happen very often in Bangkok."

## Ambassadorial Briefing

Our Ambassador to Thailand, U. Alexis Johnson (an old friend from pre-war Japan days) gave our whole tour party a special briefing in his private office, and reiterated our guide's reassurance that the "levolution" was no cause for alarm. Asked about the suppression of newspapers, he said that anyone with \$500 could easily start a newspaper in Bangkok, and that these publications were subject to frequent appearances and disappearances. The Johnsons' own household was directly affected by the revolution through the dinner party arranged for Defense Secretary Neil Mc-

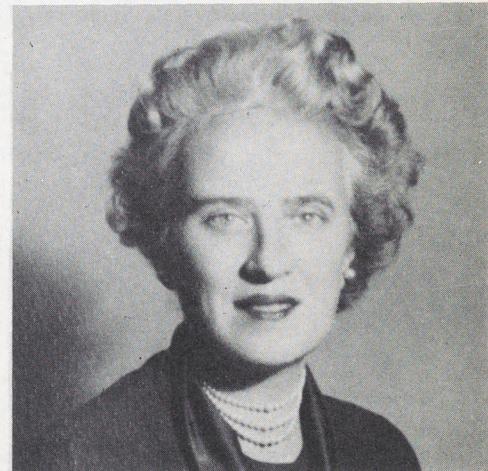
Elroy. More than forty guests had been invited to this, but only twenty-five came — as the absent Thai officials were dining in jail that night.

Our special Asian Adventure "gimmick" in Manila was a moonlight sail around Manila Bay on the luxurious U.S. Navy yacht assigned to Rear Admiral and Mrs. E.A. Cruise.

It was in Manila that Wilfred May, combining his sightseeing with an extensive program of interviewing key officials on the Communist penetration in Southeast Asia — put him in touch with another old newspaper friend, Oland D. Russell, a former staff member of both the *Japan Advertiser* and *N.Y. World-Telegram* and now with the Scripps-Howard bureau in Washington. Olie had originally been sent to the Far East to cover Formosa where more than fifty foreign correspondents were concentrated during the early part of October.

"You know they're all having a ball there," complained one of the deserted wives on Hongkong — but fortunately the "ball" was over in time for me to catch up with several former colleagues — Dick Hughes (Kemsley Press and *London Economist*); and Tillman and Peggy Durdin on Hong Kong and *N.Y. Times*; and Keyes Beech (*Chicago Daily News*); Eearnie Hoberecht (UPI bureau chief); Bob Trumbull (*N.Y. Times*), and Lee and Pepper Martin (*U.S. News and World Report*) all of whom I saw on my return to Tokyo at the conclusion of the tour.

I stayed on in Tokyo for ten days after saying goodbye to the other "Asian Adventurers" on Oct. 28. I luxuriated in being a house guest of the George Thomas Folsters — he is a former NBC man, but is now embarked on an individual enterprise of handling Musak installations for large Tokyo companies.



ESTHER M. CRANE

Esther M. Crane is at present, in addition to her work with the Gotham Travel Service, Inc., a free-lance writer and lecturer on the Far East.

**YES, WORLD, (Cont'd from page 1.)**

sideline. OW circulation now tops 60,000 is featuring a new sensational series on the Army's MP and local engineer services.

Nate Margolin is new editor of *Stars & Stripes* as of last May, replacing James Quint, resigned. New staffers include Charles Voss, A.B. Burnett and George Payette, all from the *Stripes* Pacific edition; Don Stanley, ex-S.F. *Examiner*; Mert Procter, former *San Antonio Light*, and Dexter Freeman, formerly USAFE and MACNENS.

Two feature reporters plus Ed DeFontaine now cover Frankfurt for Armed Forces Radio, with a central news desk providing 19 hourly broadcasts daily for a total news package per day of two hours and 15 minutes. Staff also includes, in addition to DeFontaine and his feature reporters, four enlisted men, nine civilian newsmen and seven full-time civilian correspondents at AFN regional stations, one enlisted correspondent and seven German staffers. Just recently, direct transmission to Paris was added.

Newsmen still control the Frankfurt Press Club, although the major revenue comes from philistine associate members through their earnest eating and drinking. And the Sunday evening smorgasbord has proved to be a popular new feature. It's a rough life. Try our terrace, lawn, tennis court and swimming pool.

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and would not need to hide in Florida year-round to avoid the prophet's reckoning from Dan Parker. The bland new gentlemen of politics would not need to scan the registration totals, to tote the injustices of minorities, one by one. The threats of Nikita would be stilled, with hope barred to him that yet one more blast will affright us. Pogo would blessly turn blue, and the woes and miseries of sundry ill-drawn heroes would cease to be a thief of time.

Not believe in newspapers! You might as well not believe in television! Better for you. Or don't believe in parked cars for the young, parkways for young families, park benches for the young in heart. You might tie every husky into neat fifty-pound or fifty-three-pound, who would know? — bundles; put automatic whistles on every stone, and let everybody touch; run Hoes at 45 r/p/m, with built-in quavers from Elvis. You might keep the election-night TV set-up in every city room, and bid confusion reign.

But as long as one man wants the facts, another will pursue them. As long as one man wants to see them, to digest them through his eyes, to weigh and remember; as long as one man savors the opinions of another who has seen and owns the time to consider the world about us all; as long as freedom exists, to know, to form our own decisions — so long will there be an editor; a newspaper; a reader who will spurn the recti-curved glass eye and the burbling sound-wave.

No editor! Fairfield, you can take your fifteen percents; your handed-out reports; your bundle-toting navvies, and small-Bible pounding chapels, and, yes, your counting-house panjandums, and inflict them all on parties unknown. As long as Dulles travels; or Canaveral shudders; or Moore punches; or Alsop worries; or a five-letter word means the same as eight letters or three words, and starts with "m;" or murder outs, or bullets fly in Latin America; as long as housewives cook, and seek new secrets; as long as there is quest there will be an editor, and HE will be a newspaper.

**JACK BIRNS PARENTS AGAIN**

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Birns became parents of their sixth child, fourth son, on Thanksgiving Day. Mother, Eric Franklin, and family doing well.

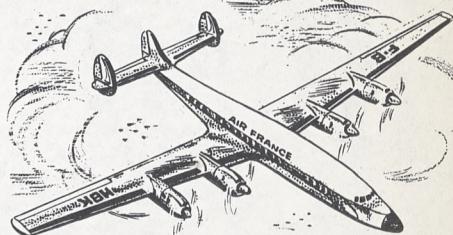
**THOMAS IN MOSCOW**

Lecturer Richard Thomas in Moscow again, making educational study and going through new language and technical schools.

Dr. Jerome Miller in Europe for two months gathering material for book on dental conditions.

**Air Facts****FRENCH SPUTNIK—  
CIRCA 1783**

IN 1783, A FRENCHMAN NAMED SAINT-JUST MADE GRAND PLANS FOR A TRIP TO OUTER SPACE. HE DESIGNED A HUGE, BALLOON-TOPPED SPACESHIP, COMPLETE WITH INSTRUMENTS FOR STUDYING THE HEAVENS. BUT IT WAS YEARS AHEAD OF ITS TIME. SAINT-JUST COULD FIND NO ONE TO BACK HIS PLAN—AND THE INGENIOUS PROJECT NEVER LEFT THE GROUND!

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TO THE MOON IN 1957**

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## Bassow Writes of Narrow Escape From Soviet Mob

Threats of personal injury to U.S. correspondents overseas often make hair-raising news.

On occasion, the correspondent involved has failed to escape. Yet U.S. newsmen continue their dogged pursuit of a story or photograph, regardless of the risks involved.

*Whitman Bassow*, who spent nearly three years with UPI in Soviet Union, tells this tale of the demonstrations outside the U.S. Embassy last July:

The closest I ever came to physical injury, aside from risking life and limb daily in Moscow's taxis, was during the demonstrations outside our embassy last July. There were 100,000 Russians on Tschaikovsky Street that afternoon and the only barrier between them and the Embassy, before troops were brought in, was a thin white line of MVD police, some mounted cops, a handful of Soviet newsmen and this lone American.

The newsmen welcomed me abroad an open truck that had been driven on to the sidewalk in front of the Embassy, its tailgate facing the crowd. It was a wonderful vantage point to take pictures from, shooting over the heads of the police into the demonstrators.

At one point, a disheveled character, who had evidently been nursing his anti-Americanism with vodka, began waving a burly fist at the truck, shouting:

"Stop those American correspondents! Why are they taking pictures?"

### TV, MIKES FACE NEWSMEN

Many a newsman accustomed to wrestling with a typewriter has found himself before a television camera or microphone this past week, due to their enforced idleness because of the metropolitan newspaper shutdown.

Rather than see deathless prose go to waste, many New York radio and television stations have invited furloughed columnists and special writers to read their work for the benefit of a perhaps more limited audience.

In the absence of a written medium for their efforts, *New York Times* staffers have appeared on two special NBC Sunday television shows, while other New York newsmen and columnists have made appearances on radio shows.

Among *Times* men at home and abroad who have aired radio reports are *Sydney Gruson*, *Drew Middleton*, *Arthur Krock*, *James Reston*, *Abe Rosenthal*, *Osgood Caruthers*. *Max Frankel* and managing editor *Ted Bernstein*.

### FOSTER MARRIED

*Michael J. Foster*, ABC vice president for Press Information, and *Barbara T. Marcus* of West Hartford, Conn. and *Parade* magazine, were married Dec. 5.

The crowd around him picked up the cry and began surging towards the truck. They couldn't break through, but the Russians around me were getting fidgety.

"How does it feel to be an American?" I teased one of them.

He answered by holding tightly to his Rollei and scrambling behind me.

"You're an American," he said, "You can welcome them. I'm leaving."

The crowd surged forward again and for a moment it looked like they would break through, but additional police rushed up to force them back. One cop got through to the drunk, who was still ranting about the "imperialist correspondents," grabbed him by the collar and shouted in his ear:

"They're ours, you idiot. OURS! OURS!"

The man's face froze in astonishment. Then, as the words penetrated, he calmed down with a series of "oh's."

The next day, I met the same Soviet photographer out at Khimki where the University of Washington crew was racing against Russia's best oarsmen. He was taking pictures of the spectators standing at attention while a Soviet Army band played the Star-Spangled Banner.

"This is better than yesterday, isn't it?" I asked.

"This is the way it should be all the time," he replied with a smile.

### POLK, CAPA AWARDS SET

The George Polk Memorial Award for foreign reporting and the Robert Capa Award for overseas photography — both based on exceptional courage and enterprise — will again be included in this year's OPC awards, it was announced this week.

*William L. Laurence*, chairman of the 1959 Awards Committee, said both awards will be among the 10 classes of awards to be given at the annual dinner.

Laurence also announced the appointments of *William F. Brooks* as vice chairman of the Awards committee and *Arthur Reef* as secretary.

Others serving on the committee include *John Barkham*, *John Day*, *William McAndrew* and *Donald Coe*.

Because of the shortage of time this year, Laurence urges all entrants to get their application blanks and entry material in as quickly as possible. The deadline is Feb. 2.

Those who submit entries in more than one class, should submit extra copies for each of the classes entered.

Laurence also pointed out that more than one entry may be submitted in each of the classes.

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Its ten-year anniversary was marked by publication of a brochure, "A Decade of Dissent and Nonconformity" which contained the opinions of 25 leading Americans in public life, including editors and journalists, about the newsletter.

Zukerman, for 25 years European bureau chief of the *Jewish Morning Journal*, this week said, "The Jewish Newsletter is aimed at independent thinking and freedom of criticism, including criticism of Israel."

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS****ASSOCIATE**

ALAN ARNOLD - free-lance magazine writer; United Fruit Co. New York Oct. '57 - Aug. '58. Proposed by Richard Dyer; seconded by S. Randal Heymanson.

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AUDREY STEVENSON - New York reporter for *Truth & Sportsman Ltd.* (Australia) since April 1953. Proposed by Patrick E. Nieburg; seconded by George H. Miller.

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**SWITZERLAND NIGHT JAN. 20**

The Regional Dinners Committee has scheduled Switzerland Night at the OPC on Jan. 20.

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